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 Associated Press (See item 31)

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: <u>Physical</u>: LOW, <u>Cyber</u>: LOW Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - [http://www.esisac.com]

1. April 19, Associated Press – (Washington) BP refinery closer to restarting work after fire. BP officials said they are weeks away from being able to restart regular operations at the Cherry Point refinery in Blaine, Washington, 2 months after a fire shut the facility down, the Associated Press reported April 19. More than 3,000 contract workers have been on site doing cleanup. The Bellingham Herald reported the maintenance work is winding down. A BP spokesman said the refinery is expected to begin operating normally in early May. The fire is still under investigation, and the company was continuing to work with state agencies to determine the cause. Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2018016633_apwabprefinery.html

2. April 19, USA Today – (National) EPA issues air pollution rules for fracking wells. Federal regulators issued first-ever air pollution rules for "fracking" wells April 18, requiring that drillers burn or capture the gas and its smog-producing compounds released when the wells are first tapped. An Environmental Protection Agency official announced the rules, the first to cover some of the 13,000 wells drilled yearly nationwide that use hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to collect natural gas and oil from deep shale layers. Going into effect in 60 days, they cover the period when a well is first drilled when natural gas is still venting but before it begins actual production. In a compromise with the industry, regulators said the drillers can flare, or burn off, the gas for now, a process that can last for weeks. However, starting in 2015 they would lose that option. Instead, they will be required to collect it — so-called green completion of new fracking wells. Half of all new wells already collect gases from the initial drilling of the well, but only Colorado and Wyoming explicitly require such green completions. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/environment/story/2012-04-18/fracking-pollution-rules-epa/54396226/1

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. April 19, U.S. Chemical Safety Board – (New York) CSB report on fatal welding explosion at DuPont Buffalo facility finds company overlooked hazards. In a draft report released April 19, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) determined an explosion that killed one worker and injured another at a DuPont plant in Tonawanda, New York, in November 2010 was caused by the ignition of flammable vinyl fluoride inside a large tank. It said the hazard was overlooked by DuPont engineers. The CSB found sparks or heat from the welding ignited the vapor. It said a primary cause of the

blast was the failure of DuPont to require monitoring of storage tanks for flammable vapor. A recommendation urges DuPont to require such monitoring before performing hot work, which is defined as welding, cutting, grinding, or other spark-producing activities. The CSB chairman said the panel issued a safety bulletin on hot work in March 2010. The accident occurred at a plant outside Buffalo. It produces polymers and surface materials for countertops. The process involves transferring polyvinyl fluoride slurry from a reactor through a flash tank and into storage tanks. The CSB found DuPont erroneously determined that vinyl fluoride vapor that entered the tanks would remain below flammable limits.

Source: http://www.csb.gov/newsroom/detail.aspx?nid=413

4. April 18, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids; KFXA 28 Cedar Rapids – (Iowa) DNR investigates Washington chemical spill â□□. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is investigating a chemical spill at a Washington, Iowa fertilizer plant. It said the spill was noted by a nearby resident who noticed a strong chemical odor and milky white color in a nearby stream. The DNR employee said a Liqui-Grow employee was rinsing out totes containing glyphosate, atrazine, and nitrogen stabilizer on a containment area designed to hold runoff, but when the storage filled up, the employee dumped it onto the ground. The company estimates that at least 400-500 gallons of rinse water containing the agricultural herbicides and chemicals reached a tributary of the South Fork of Long Creek. Residents and pets were urged to avoid the area for at least 2 days. Source:

http://www.kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kgan_vid_10815.shtml

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. April 17, U.S. Department of Labor – (Louisiana) U.S. Labor Department's OSHA fines Dis-Tran Steel and Dis-Tran Wood Products of Pineville, La., for exposing workers to safety and health hazards. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Dis-Tran Steel LLC and Dis-Tran Wood Products Holdings LLC, two subsidiaries of Pineville, Louisiana-based Crest Industries Inc., with 14 safety and health violations at its Pineville facility April 17. Dis-Tran Steel, which manufactures steel utility poles, was cited for six serious violations including a lack of required machine guarding, strain relief on the cords of electric hand controls, and screens to protect workers from rays produced by welding operations in adjacent areas. One other-than-serious violation was failing to ensure electrical cords were equipped with ground pins.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEAS_ES&p_id=22188

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. April 18, Reuters – (International) Pentagon seeks to loosen some export restrictions. A U.S. Department of Defense report released April 18 recommended loosening U.S. export controls on "hundreds of thousands" of items used to build communications satellites and remote sensing equipment, while maintaining or tightening controls on exports to China, Iran, and other countries. The deputy assistant secretary of defense for space policy said the changes, if approved by Congress, would help make U.S. industry more competitive internationally at a time when defense budgets are declining. The Pentagon report comes as U.S. satellite makers and launchers, already dealing with cuts in funding for NASA programs, brace for cuts to national security satellite programs. To implement the changes, the report recommended Congress restore the President's authority to determine export controls on the industry. Lawmakers revoked that power in 1999 after two U.S. companies were found to have provided unlicensed aid to China's space launch business. The report was welcomed by satellite industry executives, but it sparked concern among some lawmakers worried sensitive U.S. technologies would wind up in the wrong hands. The report lists the satellites and associated parts and components that can be removed from the U.S. Munitions Control list, overseen by the State Department and moved to the less cumbersome Commerce Control List with acceptable risk. The deputy assistant secretary of defense for space policy said the report recommended maintaining a ban on any U.S. satellites being launched by Chinese rockets, and put tighter controls on exports of satellites or components to China and other countries including Iran, North Korea, and Syria.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/18/satellites-exports-idUSL2E8FIF1R20120418

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. April 19, Softpedia – (International) Ransomware uses Reveton to phish Ukash and Paysafecard credentials. Softpedia reported April 19 that experts from Microsoft's Malware Protection Center (MMPC) have warned users to be on the lookout for schemes that rely on ransomware to steal log-in credentials for online payment services such as Ukash and Paysafecard. Similar to previously seen ransomware schemes, the victims' computers become locked, displaying a screen that accuses users, on behalf of law enforcement agencies, of accessing illegal content. To user is requested to pay a so-called fine via Ukash or Paysafecard to unlock the device. When the user clicks on the link associated with the payment method, he/she is taken to a site designed to phish account credentials and send them back to a remote server in Russia. Microsoft has

identified the pieces of malware that fuel this scheme as Trojan:HTML/Ransom.A and Trojan:Win32/Reveton.A. In many cases, these malicious elements are served via adult sites.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Ransomware-Uses-Reveton-to-Phish-Ukash-and-Paysafecard-Credentials-265278.shtml

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- 8. April 18, New York 1 (New York) **FBI, NYPD arrest alleged 'White Glove Bandit'.** The FBI and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) arrested a suspect April 18 in the East Village who is thought to be the "White Glove Bandit" who has robbed four Manhattan banks. Officials said NYPD detectives and FBI agents arrested the suspect around while conducting surveillance near Tompkins Square Park. The suspect allegedly robbed an HSBC Bank April 17. Investigators say he showed a gun to the teller and demanded cash. They also believe he robbed the same branch January 26 and also hit a Citibank branch on LaGuardia Place twice.

 Source: http://manhattan.nyl.com/content/top_stories/159652/fbi--nypd-arrest-alleged-white-glove--bandit
- 9. April 18, Chicago Sun-Times (Illinois; Indiana; Minnesota) 15 people charged in scheme to get fake unemployment benefits. A woman from south suburban Country Club Hills was charged along with 14 others in a scheme that defrauded state unemployment insurance agencies in Illinois and 2 other states of more than \$8.7 million, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said April 18. The woman, who owned tax preparation businesses on Chicago's south side, was charged with 14 counts of mail and wire fraud, 6 counts of filing false claims for tax refunds, and 1 count of aggravated identity theft, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. She and the other defendants registered about 80 fictitious employers with unemployment insurance agencies in Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota, and used the shell companies to collect unemployment insurance benefits, authorities said. The Illinois Department of Employment Security was defrauded of about \$6 million, authorities said. It was also alleged the woman was involved in a scheme to falsely claim more than \$1 million in federal tax refunds, using her tax preparation companies. Information from clients of the woman's tax preparation firms, including Social Security numbers, was used to file unemployment benefits claims, the government alleges.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/11988476-418/15-people-charged-inscheme-to-get-fake-unemployment-benefits.html}$

10. April 18, Los Angeles Times – (California) Mother and son convicted in federal court of mortgage fraud. A mother and son were convicted in a San Diego federal court April 18 for what prosecutors called an \$8 million mortgage fraud involving 16 homes in San Diego and Riverside counties. A jury convicted the real estate agent and her son, an attorney, on multiple counts of wire fraud for allegedly submitting phony documents in support of false loan applications for unqualified buyers. The 2 face 20 years in prison on each of 5 counts.

 $Source: \ http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/04/mother-son-convicted-mortgage-fraud-san-diego.html$

11. April 18, Reuters – (New York; National; International) Litigation-funding firms were \$15 mln fraud: U.S. Three men were charged April 18 with bilking \$15 million from hundreds of individuals who thought they were investing in lawsuit settlements, federal prosecutors said. The men collaborated on three different fraudulent investment schemes between December 2008 and April 2012, according to a complaint filed in a New York federal court. One man was charged with wire fraud, a second with money laundering, and a third with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. Between December 2008 and November 2009, the defendants ran a company called the Rockford Group, which marketed itself as a "leading private equity firm" that would invest money in personal-injury and other litigation, prosecutors said. Investors were promised 15 percent of money the plaintiffs recovered from lawsuits, prosecutors said. But the Rockford Group never invested in any litigation and instead wired investors' money to overseas bank accounts. As a result, roughly 200 U.S. and Canadian investors lost about \$11 million. In March 2011, the defendants embarked on a scheme soliciting investments in litigation funding, through a company called Grayson Hewitt. Instead of using the money as purported, the defendants spent it on gold and personal expenses. The Grayson Hewitt scheme cost investors about \$5 million.

Source: http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/New_York/News/2012/04_- _April/Litigation-funding_firms_were_\$15_mln_fraud_U_S_/

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Transportation Sector

- 12. April 19, KTVZ 21 Bend (Oregon) Tanker truck crash, small spill still limits Hwy. **20E.** Highway 20E east of Brothers, Oregon was reduced to one lane the morning of April 19, 12 hours after a tanker truck carrying about 46,000 gallons of liquid fertilizer crashed, overturned and began to leak its cargo, shutting 60 miles of the highway for several hours, the Oregon State Police (OSP) reported. A trooper said the evening of April 18, the truck was eastbound on 20E near milepost 50 (about 8 miles east of Brothers, 50 miles east of Bend) when it drifted onto the shoulder. The truck and trail rolled at least once before coming to rest on the shoulder. Emergency responders from several police, fire, and transportation agencies responded, as well as an environmental HAZMAT firm. Officials said a small amount of fertilizer leaked. The truck driver, working for Sherman Bros. based in Harrisburg, Oregon, was cited for failure to maintain a lane of travel. After a complete, 2-hour closure, one lane was open for traffic, flagged through in alternating directions. Troopers said the truck would be removed April 19. For a time, a more than 60-mile stretch of 20E east of Brothers was shut as authorities worked to determine the nature of the chemical with the trucking firm and Chemtrec, a national firm that tracks hazardous materials. The tanker reportedly had no warning placard on it, but the driver provided a manifest. Source: http://www.ktvz.com/news/30917651/detail.html
- 13. April 18, Los Angeles Times (California) **FBI arrests man accused of pointing laser** at jet and helicopter. A North Hollywood, California man was arrested April 18 on

federal charges alleging he pointed a potentially dangerous laser beam at a private jet and a police helicopter, authorities said. According to the FBI, the man is accused of shining a green laser beam at a Cessna Citation, operated by Netjets, and a Pasadena Police Department helicopter March 29. He was taken into custody at his home. The man, who faces two counts, is being prosecuted under a new federal law that makes it a criminal offense to deliberately point a laser at an aircraft. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison if convicted on both charges. He also is subject to civil penalties by the Federal Aviation Administration. Reports of laser attacks have increased significantly in recent years as the devices have become more affordable and widely available to the public. California, which has consistently led the nation in reported incidents, had more than 3,500 attacks in 2011. Laser beams can temporarily distract pilots and impair their vision, which is particularly dangerous during takeoffs and landings. Pilots have reported the need to abort landings or turn over control of aircraft to another pilot after being blinded.

Source: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/04/fbi-arrests-man-accused-of-pointing-laser-at-jet-and-helicopter.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. April 19, Food Safety News – (National) Listeria concern prompts expanded deli sandwich recall. M.E. Thompson of Jacksonville, Florida, is expanding the recall of its Anytime Deli Turkey & Ham Footlong to include the Italian Footlong and Classic Cuban, sold under the brand names Anytime Deli, Sandwich Central, and Dandee, because the sandwiches may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, Food Safety News reported April 19. The recall was the result of routine sampling by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which revealed the finished products contained Listeria monocytogenes. According to the recall news release, no other finished products have been shown to contain Listeria since the original sampling. It said the latest recall is a precautionary measure. The initial recall was January 24. The sub sandwiches were distributed from January 2 through April 13 to convenience and grocery stores nationwide.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/listeria-concern-prompts-expanded-deli-sandwich-recall/

15. April 19, Portland Oregonian – (Oregon) Hillsboro Police patrol spots fire at Chinese restaurant; damage estimated at \$150,000. Hillsboro, Oregon firefighters responded to a fire April 19 at a Chinese food establishment. The one-alarm fire caused

roughly \$150,000 in damage to the contents and structure of the Dancing Dragon Chinese/American Restaurant. Hillsboro police noticed the fire while on patrol and summoned firefighters from Hillsboro Fire Department and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, said a Hillsboro fire spokesman. Twenty-six firefighters from the 2 agencies brought the fire under control within 15 minutes. Most of the fire damage was contained to the kitchen, with moderate smoke damage in the dining area.

http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2012/04/hillsboro_police_patrol_spots.html

16. April 19, Knoxville News Sentinel – (Tennessee) State investigating fish kill toll from fire runoff, local officials to assess blame. Tennessee conservation and wildlife officials are investigating the number of fish killed the week of April 16 in Third Creek as a result of runoff from the Shamrock Organic Products mulch fire in Knoxville, and they said local officials will have to determine who is responsible. An aquatic habitat protection biologist for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency said 1.7 miles of the creek look like "a pot of coffee" because of the thousands of gallons of runoff. Runoff from the fire continued to flow into Third Creek April 19, according to fire officials. "The creek, pretty much everything in it was dead and we evaluated the fish kill and we're working up that data now to figure up how many fish were wiped out," said the biologist. Knoxville Fire Department personnel have fought the fire since April 14. At least 100 fish, 6 to 8 inches in length, were dead April 18 amid mud along the banks near where the creek flows into Fort Loudoun Lake.

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/apr/19/state-investigating-fish-kill-toll-

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/apr/19/state-investigating-fish-kill-toll-from-fire-to/

17. April 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Hong Lee Trading Inc. assues an alert on undeclared sulfites in Peacock Brand Preserved Apricots. Hong Lee Trading Inc., of Brooklyn, New York, is recalling Peacock Brand Preserved Apricots because the products may contain undeclared sulfites, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported April 18. The recalled Peacock Brand Preserved Apricots were sold nationwide. The product is from Vietnam. The recall was initiated after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis by food laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in packages of Peacock apricots that did not declare sulfites on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm300984.htm

18. April 18, Collumbia Missourian – (Missouri) Petrochemicals found in Flat Branch after fish kill. The results are in from water samples taken after the recent fish kill in Flat Branch in Columbia, Missouri, linking the death of more than 14,000 fish to an April 1 strip mall fire — the cause of which a city fire marshal said he doubts will be determined, the Columbia Missourian reported April 18. Petrochemicals found in the creek during an investigation into the cause of the fish kill likely contributed to elevated levels of gasoline, waste oils, and other chemicals found in samples taken the day after the fire, according to a 12-page document compiled by the Missouri

Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The chemicals were linked to contaminated runoff from the more than 1 million tons of water used on the fire that engulfed O'Reilly Auto Parts and several other Business Loop 70 storefronts. That water then drained into the creek, which is fed by numerous storm drains in downtown Columbia, according to a previous report. DNR and the Missouri Department of Conservation each tested Flat Branch in three locations for contaminants after an estimated 14,749 fish were killed in the creek. DNR said it is not considering additional action at this time.

Source: http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2012/04/18/14000-fish-killed-flat-branch-most-recent-estimate/

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Water Sector

19. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Md. approves \$37M for sewage upgrades, wetlands.** Maryland's Board of Public Works approved more than \$37 million for sewage treatment plant upgrades and wetlands construction April 18. The grants include \$33.5 million for Harford County's Sod Run Wastewater Treatment Plant. The department of the environment said after upgrading, nitrogen discharges at the plant will be cut more than 60 percent and phosphorus emissions will be reduced 85 percent. The two compounds fuel algae blooms that lower oxygen levels and cloud water in the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways. The grants also will fund upgrades at the Joppatowne Wastewater Treatment Plant and will help prevent sewage overflows at a Cumberland wastewater plant in Allegany County.

Source: http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/anne_arundel_county_/md-approves-37m-for-sewage-upgrades-wetlands

20. April 18, Pottstown Mercury – (Pennsylvania) DEP: Chemical in New Hanover wells unexpected from petroleum spill. State officials were unsure how a complicated mixture of dangerous organic chemicals made its way into five New Hanover, Pennsylvania residential wells along Route 663. Officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection told residents and officials April 17 they are focusing on the site of the former Good Oil Co. where dozens of tanks ranging in size and contents have been located for years. Contaminants associated with petroleum products — such as benzene and MTBE — were found in wells as well as more peculiar "volatile organic compounds." The chemicals are not normally associated with petroleum businesses. It is too soon, officials said, to say how the matter will be resolved, however, the usual solutions include bottle water, carbon filters, reverse osmosis filters, and connection to public water.
Source:

http://www.pottsmerc.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120418/NEWS01/120419405/dep-chemical-in-new-hanover-wells-unexpected-from-petroleum-spill-(video)http://www.pottsmerc.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120418/NEWS01/120419405/dep-chemical-in-new-hano-###

21. April 18, Great Falls Tribune – (Montana) Trailer Terrace near Great Falls leaking wastewater. Recent monitoring of wastewater flows at the Trailer Terrace mobile home park south of Great Falls, Montana, indicated that as many as 12,000 gallons of untreated wastewater leaks from the residential area's sewage collection system every day, the Great Falls Tribune reported April 18. The community came under public scrutiny in January 2011, after it was revealed testing by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) showed unacceptable levels of arsenic in the mobile home park's drinking water. The arsenic discovery prompted additional examination of Trailer Terrace's wastewater treatment system. Potential groundwater contamination from an open sewage lagoon at the mobile home park has been a concern for more than a decade, the agency said. Monitoring of those two system components showed about 16,000 gallons of water was being drawn for home use each day, while only 4,000 gallons of wastewater was passing through the lift station. The DEQ was reasonably confident the missing 12,000 gallons is leaking into soil surrounding the concrete pipes leading to the sewage lagoon. The leaking wastewater appears to be contained within the immediate area and does not pose an immediate human health threat. The DEQ was preparing to submit violation letters to the mobile home park's current owner and the estate of the former owner.

Source:

http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20120419/NEWS01/204190314/Trailer-Terrace-near-Great-Falls-leaking-wastewater

22. April 18, MLive.com – (Michigan) See why 489,000-gallon sewer overflow was good for Grand River waders. For 44 minutes April 17, a stream of wastewater flowed into the Grand River near Wyoming, Michigan's sewage treatment plant. The city's plant superintendent said, "The sewage was completely treated and it was completely disinfected." The problem was the treated wastewater had too much chlorine in it. An equipment failure in the plant's computer system left chlorine in the system after it should have been removed. A maximum chlorine concentration of 0.49 parts per million flowed into the river, "not enough to cause a fish kill," he said. However, it made part of the river a tiny bit more like a swimming pool during that time. The city is required to report the incident as a "sanitary sewer overflow" and notify the media. He said incoming sewage was filtered and cleaned, then chlorine was added to disinfect the treated wastewater. The superintendent said the equipment problem was repaired.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/04/see_why_489000-gallon_sewer_ov.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

23. *April 19, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (South Carolina) **SLED arrests DHHS employee in connection with data breach.** The personal information of more than 228,000 Medicaid recipients was stolen by a former South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) employee, according to DHHS and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), WBTV 3 Charlotte reported April 19. SLED officials said the former employee was able to make off with 228,435 Medicaid recipients'

personal data by e-mailing the information to his personal Yahoo e-mail account. The information contained names, addresses, and Social Security numbers. Most of the people impacted by the breach live in Richland, Lexington, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Allendale, and Bamberg counties. He has been charged with five counts of Medically Indigent Act Confidentiality violations and one count of disclosure of confidential information. The DHHS director said the theft started in January and ended in April. They found out about the scheme after conducting employee performance reviews. SLED authorities have the employee's home computer and are working to track down where the data went and why the employee wanted it.

Source: http://www.wbtv.com/story/17583606/dhhs-employee-stole-personal-information-of-288435-sc-medicaid-beneficiaries

- 24. *April 18, Associated Press* (Texas) **2 Lufkin dental employees charged with gold theft.** Two former east Texas dental workers were charged with theft, accused of selling stolen gold including a piece attached to a bloody tooth. Investigators said the Huntington women in 2011 allegedly sold about \$5,000 work of gold pieces taken from a dental office. An official with Palmer and Ross Dental Group in Lufkin said April 18 both women were fired in December 2011; one was charged in January with fraud after some dental prescriptions were allegedly forged. KTRE 9 Lufkin reported a buyer told police some items were clean, but one batch had gold still in a bloody tooth. Source: http://www.click2houston.com/news/2-Lufkin-dental-employees-charged-with-gold-theft/-/1735978/10987672/-/yydpn2z/-/index.html
- 25. April 18, WSB 2 Atlanta (Georgia) 315,000 patients' information disappears from Emory Healthcare. Officials from Emory Healthcare in Atlanta announced April 18 they have lost backup copies of 315,000 patients' personal information. The system's president and chief executive officer said the missing information belongs to people who had surgery at Emory University Hospital, Emory University Hospital Midtown, and Emory Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Center between September 1990 and April 2007. The information was on 10 backup disks. The disks contained 228,000 patient Social Security numbers. Most of the missing information includes patient names, procedures, surgeon names, dates of surgery, and diagnoses. He said the disks were kept in a cabinet in an employee's office on a hallway with restricted access. He said an employee noticed the data was missing February 20 and alerted a supervisor. Based on an internal investigation, Emory Healthcare officials believe the disks were removed sometime between February 7 and February 20, and the employee who had the data did not properly secure it. He said the disks were not labeled "patient information," and therefore very few people would know what they contained. A special piece of equipment is needed to read the disks.

Source: http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/315000-patients-information-disappears-emory-healt/nMcc9/

26. April 18, St. Paul Pioneer Press – (Minnesota) **Drug thefts surge at Minnesota hospitals, medical outlets.** Reports of theft or loss of controlled substances at hospitals and other health care facilities in Minnesota jumped 325 percent from 2006 to 2010, according to a report released April 18 by the Minnesota Department of Health. The data on the increase in drug diversions in Minnesota comes from a health department

analysis of reports to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). In 2005, there were 16 reports to the DEA from hospitals and other health care facilities in Minnesota of theft or loss of controlled substances. By 2010, the annual tally of such reports grew to 52. The numbers released provide context for a series of high-profile incidents during the past 16 months in which health care workers were accused of taking painkillers from patients. In the wake of such incidents, the health department formed a coalition with hospitals, health care providers, and law enforcement to identify a set of best practices to improve security for controlled substances.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_20424274

27. April 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) FDA safety communication: Bacteria found in Other-Sonic Generic Ultrasound Transmission Gel poses risk of infection. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) received a report from a hospital that 16 patients had developed colonization or infection with the bacteria Pseudomonas aeruginosa, according to an April 18 FDA notice. Each patient was examined with transesophageal ultrasound probes using Other-Sonic Generic Ultrasound Transmission Gel. Upon investigation, the ugel was found to be contaminated with the bacteria Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Klebsiella oxytoca. Although Other-Sonic Generic Ultrasound Transmission Gel is not labeled as sterile or non-sterile, it is not sterile. At this time, the FDA is concerned about contamination of gel lot numbers 060111 through 120111. These lots contain both 250 milliliter bottles and 5 liter dispensing containers of gel. The lot number is printed on each bottle. The lots were manufactured June through December 2011 by Pharmaceutical Innovations. Not every patient exposed to Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Klebsiella oxytoca bacteria in Other-Sonic Generic Ultrasound Transmission Gel will develop colonization or infection, but the risk remains present.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm299409.htm

- 28. *April 18, WDAY 6 Fargo* (North Dakota) **Fire and hazmat crews respond to acid spill.** HAZMAT crews at Marque Dental Lab in Fargo, North Dakota, spent 3 hours April 18 cleaning up an accidental, half-gallon hydrochloric acid spill, according to the Fargo Fire Department. Right after the spill, workers quickly doused it with baking soda, and called 9-1-1 after fumes erupted. The entire building was evacuated. Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/62369/group/News/
- 29. April 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (National) Hospira announces a nationwide voluntary recall of one lot of Morphine Sulfate Injection, USP 4 mg/mL, (C-II) 1 mL fill in 2.5 mL Carpuject, that may contain more than the intended fill volume. Hospira, Inc. announced April 17 it is initiating a voluntary user level recall of one lot of Morphine Sulfate Injection USP, 4 mg/mL (C-II), 1 mL fill in 2.5 mL Carpuject, NDC 0409-1258-30, due to a customer report of two Carpujects syringes containing more than the 1 milliliter labeled fill volume. The affected product is a pre-filled glass cartridge for use with the Carpuject Syringe system. The affected lot number is 10830LL. The expiration date is April 1, 2013. Morphine Sulfate Carpujects 4 mg/mL are packaged in Slim-Pak tamper detection packages with each box containing 10 Carpujects (NDC 0409-1258-30). The affected lot was distributed in January 2012. It was initially distributed to wholesalers and a limited number of

hospitals in Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia. Hospira has not received any reports of adverse events related. This is believed to be an isolated event, and Hospira has initiated an investigation to determine the cause and preventive actions.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm300813.htm

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30. April 19, WRC 4 Washington, D.C. – (Washington, D.C.) Laptops stolen from D.C. Auditor's Office. Washington, D.C. police are investigating a break-in at the D.C. Auditor's Office during the weekend of April 14. Two laptop computers were among the several items stolen from the D.C. Auditor's Office, the council chairman's office confirmed April 18. Several interior doors were pried open to get in to the office, according to the police report.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47094177/ns/local_news-washington_dc/#.T5AM2Nk-N8F

- 31. *April 19, Associated Press* (Pennsylvania) **Pitt clears five buildings after bomb threat.** The University of Pittsburgh cleared five buildings after a bomb threat April 19, according to an emergency notification. Pitt emptied Litchfield Towers, and Sutherland, Bruce, Lothrop, and Pennsylvania halls. An ongoing series of threats were delivered by e-mail or in handwritten messages at various campus locations since February 13, and have led to more than 110 evacuations of campus buildings. Authorities have not found explosives.
 - Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s 792013.html
- 32. April 19, Associated Press (North Carolina) **Teen in exploding pen case gets three years.** A North Carolina teenager who made an exploding pen and placed it on his teacher's desk will spend at least 3 years in prison, the Associated Press reported April 19. He pleaded guilty April 18 to malicious use of explosives inflicting injury and other charges. He was arrested in 2010 after the pen burned the hand and sent fragments into the stomach and arm of a fellow student at their Charlotte alternative school. A prosecutor said the pen was intended for a female teacher. Three firefighters later suffered burns as they tested a substance in the convict's Charlotte home. Authorities shut down the neighborhood around his home for 2 days while they searched it. His mother is charged in connection with explosives in her home. Her case is pending. Source: http://www.thetimesnews.com/articles/pen-54577-teen-case.html
- 33. *April 18*, *Associated Press* (Oregon) **Ore. CC student gets 60 days for 2 school threats.** A nursing student who prosecutors said was trying to avoid taking two tests pleaded guilty to calling in fake threats that prompted evacuations at Chemeketa Community College in Oregon. The Salem woman pleaded guilty April 18 to two counts each of disorderly conduct, menacing, and initiating a false report, and was sentenced to 60 days in jail. She was also ordered to stay away from the community college's campuses. The Salem Statesman Journal reported that February 13, the

woman anonymously called a Portland television station, warning a bomb would go off at an unspecified Chemeketa campus. That prompted evacuations and class cancellations at the Salem, Yamhill, Woodburn, and McMinnville campuses. February 27, she called a radio station to say that a shooting would happen in a building on the Salem campus, causing that building to be evacuated.

Source: http://www.ktvz.com/news/30917272/detail.html

34. *April 18, Washington Examiner* – (Washington, D.C.) **Senate hit with 383 cases of dangerous, 'suspicious mail.** It has been over 10 years since the first anthrax mail attack against the U.S. Senate and authorities revealed that suspicious mail continues to flood in, so far with no injuries, the Washington Examiner reported April 18. The Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, revealed in budget testimony that the Senate Post Office intercepted 383 suspicious pieces of mail in 2011 "that were addressed to senators with the intent to disrupt Senate business." He reported all the suspect mail was reported to the U.S. Capitol Police. All incoming and internal mail is searched and scrubbed of contaminants before being delivered, he added. More than 300,000 items were tested in 2011.

Source: http://washingtonexaminer.com/politics/washington-secrets/2012/04/senate-hit-383-cases-dangerous-suspicious-mail/504836

35. April 17, Knoxville News Sentinel – (Tennessee) Loudon men face charges in burglary of IRS investigator's vehicle. Two Loudon County, Tennessee men are facing federal charges in connection with the burglary of an Internal Revenue Service criminal investigator's government-issued vehicle March 21. The men were scheduled to be arraigned April 17 in U.S. district court on charges of possession of stolen firearms and possession of a sawed-off shotgun, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported April 17. According to a complaint filed by a U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives agent, a shotgun, a sawed-off shotgun, a police scanner, handcuffs, ammunition, "entry tools," a pneumatic ram, ammunition, a bulletproof vest, flashlights, and the investigator's badges were taken.

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/apr/17/loudon-men-face-charges-in-burglary-of-irs/

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36. April 19, Food Safety News – (Michigan) Food poisoning strikes 250 inmates at Michigan jail. About 250 inmates being held at the Kent County Jail in Grand Rapids, Michigan, suffered food poisoning symptoms April 15 after the jail served a taco-type meal that included a "chicken product." The Kent County undersheriff said the meat was cooked at the proper temperature in a kettle, and then kept warm in a steamer. However, because the steamer was not keeping the meat warm enough, a pizza oven was substituted. Later that afternoon, inmates said the meat did not smell or taste right. The jail feeds 1,000 inmates for every meal. Food samples from all meals served over the weekend of April 14 were provided to the Kent County Health Department for analysis. A health department spokeswoman said the investigation is "leaning away"

from finding norovirus responsible for the illnesses. She said the investigation is continuing.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/food-poisoning-strikes-over-200-inmates-at-michigan-jail/

37. April 18, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette – (Pennsylvania) EMS office manager charged with stealing \$77,000. A paramedic-turned-office-manager for the nonprofit, Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania-based Seneca EMS stole more than \$77,000 from her employer over the course of 5 years, the Allegheny County district attorney's office said April 17. She told investigators she used the company's money for personal expenses, a detective wrote in a criminal complaint. Investigators said she used Seneca's credit cards and bank accounts, normally reserved for medical and office supplies, to pay her own bills and student loans. She was able to take the funds in her capacity as Seneca's office manager, a position she accepted in 2006 after serving as a part-time paramedic since 2004, investigators said. Seneca filed for bankruptcy in 2006.

Source: http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-north/ems-office-manager-charged-with-stealing-77000-631875/

38. April 18, Kansas City Star – (Kansas; Nebraska) Kansas jailbreak raises questions on crowding. Four inmates, including a man convicted of two murders, escaped April 18 from a Ottawa County jail in north-central Kansas where they were being held because the state prison system was too crowded. The breakout was accomplished by prisoners using homemade knives and a ruse of a broken water pipe. The inmates overpowered guards about 5 a.m. after complaining about a broken water line in the holding cell area, the Ottawa County sheriff told the Salina Journal. The inmates were then able to open cell doors and make their way outside. The guards suffered minor injuries. One of the four inmates who escaped from the jail was captured quickly, and a second man was apprehended that evening in Nebraska. The 4 were among 22 inmates the state has transferred to Ottawa County in January because of overcrowding in Kansas prisons. As of April 13, 87 inmates were being housed in county jails under contracts to help alleviate overcrowding. The other jails are in Johnson, Leavenworth, Butler, and Cowley counties. The jails were inspected by state facilities management authorities months before the inmates were sent there. Inspectors examine overall jail operations as well as security systems, locks, and security gates, and ensure there is enough staffing on each shift.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/18/3563389/inmates-flee-jail-in-\underline{kansas.html\#storylink=cpy}}$

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Information Technology Sector

39. *April 19, H Security* – (International) **Mozilla blocklists Java on older Mac OS X systems.** Mozilla blocked the Java plugin in Firefox running on versions 10.5 and

earlier of Mac OS X, as these versions of Apple's operating system will not be receiving an update to the installed Java on their systems. The move comes 2 weeks after Mozilla blocklisted older versions of Java on Windows that had the flaw that was being exploited by the Flashback trojan and other malware. Mac OS X systems 10.5 and older will not be getting a Java update from Apple. This means Mozilla is now comfortable adding all Java versions on those OS versions to the blocklist. However, for 10.6 and later, the situation is different: Apple released updates that remove the vulnerability for those systems, but there is a bug in Firefox 11 that causes it to ignore updates such as that one and keep reporting an old version is installed. This would, in turn, mean that if the blocklist was updated for 10.6 and later, it would most likely block the Java plugin on non-vulnerable systems. The bug in Firefox is due to be fixed in Firefox 12, which will be released April 24. Users can expect the blocklist to be updated sometime shortly after that.

Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mozilla-blocklists-Java-on-older-Mac-OS-X-systems-1542769.html

40. April 19, Softpedia – (International) 5,000 malicious Android apps identified in Q1, 2012. Trend Micro released its quarterly report for the first part of 2012 and, so far, it appears cybercriminals focused their efforts mostly on schemes that target mobile device owners, particularly Android users. While 2011 was considered the year of the hacktivists, 2012 may be the year of mobile malware. At the end of 2011, many security experts said mobile threats would increase in 2012 and those predictions seem to be coming true. Trend Micro already identified 5,000 malicious Android apps, one-click billing fraud schemes, and fake applications that hide malicious elements being the most prevalent. Advanced persistent threats also left their mark on the first quarter. In these types of attacks, cybercriminals take their time to go deep into the targeted network and cause damage. Hoaxes and scams that circulate via e-mail and social networking sites were also prevalent. The large number of individuals that utilize Facebook, Twitter, and more recently, Pinterest, are all tempting targets for scammers and cybercrooks who use the data from social media sites to launch social engineering attacks.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/5-000-Malicious-Android-Apps-Identified-in-Q1-2012-265298.shtml

41. April 18, Bloomberg – (International) Chinese nationals charged by U.S. with software piracy. Two Chinese nationals were charged with illegally exporting technology to their home country and pirating software from U.S. companies including Agilent Technologies, federal officials said. The married couple, from Chengdu, China, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Wilmington, Delaware, according to a statement April 18 by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. "Counterfeiting and intellectual-property theft are seriously undermining U.S. business and innovation — more than \$100 million in lost revenue in this one case alone," the agency's director said in the statement. The couple are accused of running a Web site called "Crack 99" that sold copies of software the "access-control mechanisms" of which had been circumvented, he said. The pair is charged with distributing more than 500 pirated copyrighted works to more than 300 purchasers in the United States and overseas from April 2008 to June 2011. The case was unsealed April 18. The software

includes programs made by Santa Clara, California-based Agilent and Canonsburg, Pennsylvania-based Ansys, according to the indictment. The husband was arrested by federal agents in June 2011 on an earlier indictment in the case. The wife "remains an at-large fugitive in Chengdu," according to the statement.

Source: http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-18/two-chinese-nationals-charged-by-u-dot-s-dot-over-software-piracy

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: https://www.it-isac.org

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Communications Sector

42. April 19, DNAinfo.com – (New York) Verizon phone outage has UWS customers dialing M for Mad. Hundreds of Verizon customers on the Upper West Side neighborhood of New York's Manhattan borough are mad because their phone lines have been down for almost a week — and the company has told them they will not be fixed until April 26. The massive service outage is affecting land lines and some Internet connections in multiple buildings. Residents and office workers in the area say their phones suddenly went dead April 12. It is not known exactly how many customers are without phone service. A Verizon spokesman said the company has received "less than 300" calls from customers reporting their lines were dead. Some customers reported static, "limited service," or other problems. The spokesman said the telephonic troubles started with a malfunctioning pressurization system. The system usually pumps air into underground cables but instead it pumped water. Now Verizon is drying out cables and replacing some that were damaged with new ones, the spokesman said. Most of that work should be completed by the end of this weekend, he said, but there could be "lingering issues" into the week of April 23. The outage affected traditional copper cables for land-line phones and some Internet connections. The fiber-optic FiOS network that provides TV, Internet, and voice service wasn't affected, the spokesman said.

Source: http://www.dnainfo.com/20120419/upper-west-side/verizon-phone-outage-has-uws-customers-dialing-m-for-mad

43. *April 19*, *Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Cut cable shuts phone service in 2 Mich. counties.** Authorities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula are trying to figure out who cut a fiber optic cable, shutting down phone service in parts of Delta and Schoolcraft counties April 18. The Mining Journal of Marquette reports outages were first reported the afternoon of April 18, with people in most parts of Schoolcraft County unable to make or receive phone calls via landlines or cellphones. Callers in parts of Delta

County were also experiencing problems with cellphone service. The outage also affected 9-1-1 cellphone calls. Michigan State Police say the cable was cut near Cooks in Schoolcraft County. The line was repaired by the morning of April 19. Source: http://wwmt.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.mi/25431fdc-www.wwmt.com.shtml

44. *April 18, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **KPFT back on the air after two-day outage.** KPFT 90.1 FM Houston returned to the air April 18 after an outage of more than 2 days that the station's manager said was related to storm damage at the transmitter site in northwest Harris County. He said the station's primary signal was knocked off the air April 16 during storms that rolled through the Houston area. KPFT continued to broadcast through its Web site and through "repeater" towers at 89.5 FM in Galveston, 89.7 FM in Huntsville, and 90.3 FM in Goodrich. Repair crews were able to return the station to the air with limited power April 18, but the manager said the station likely would have to replace its antenna. He said it could cost up to \$300,000 to get the station back on the air at full power.

 $Source: \underline{http://blog.chron.com/sportsmedia/2012/04/pacifica-radio-back-on-the-air-\underline{after-two-day-outage/}}$

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Commercial Facilities Sector

- 45. April 19, The Register (International) Trojan sneaks into hotel, slurps guests' credit card data. Cyber criminals are selling malware through underground forums that they claim offers the ability to steal credit card information from hotel point of sale (PoS) applications, The Register reported April 19. The ruse, detected by transaction security firm Trusteer, shows how criminals are using malware on enterprise machines to collect financial information in addition to targeting consumer PCs with banking trojans and other types of malware. The hospitality industry attack involves using a remote access trojan program to infect hotel front desk computers. The malware includes spyware components that steal credit card and other customer data by capturing screenshots from the PoS application. The malware is capable of stealing credit card numbers and expiration dates, but not CVV2 numbers in the sample Trusteer inspected. Trusteer said that at the time of publishing its blog April 18, the malware had not yet been detected by any anti-virus application.

 Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/04/19/hotel trojan scam/
- 46. April 18, Martha's Vineyard Times (Massachusetts) Bomb squad called to Martha's Vineyard Airport Business Park. A state police bomb squad disposed of bomb-making materials found April 18 in a storage facility at the Martha's Vineyard Airport Business Park in Edgartown, Massachusetts. Edgartown police believed a Canadian national stored the material and he intended to use it to cause harm. The suspect lived in Tisbury at one time and was listed as the lessee of the storage unit. Edgartown police said they will file a criminal complaint against the man and seek an

arrest warrant for possession of explosive substances or materials. The Martha's Vineyard Airport manager said flight operations were not disrupted. Police learned of the explosives when the suspect's ex-fiance sought a restraining order against him and told officials he might have bomb-making materials in a storage unit at an airport ministorage facility.

Source: http://www.mvtimes.com/marthas-vineyard/article.php?id=10370

- 47. *April 18*, *WFOR 4 Miami* (Florida) **Northwest Miami-Dade business goes up in flames.** A massive fire that gutted several businesses in northwest Miami Dade, Florida, was brought under control April 18. The fire erupted in a cluster of businesses including an auto body shop, a restaurant, a flower shop, and a tire and rim store. No one was hurt, but the fire caused major damage. With so many different types of businesses, firefighters said there was a mixture of chemicals in the air and on the ground and other dangers that included exploding propane tanks. The fire shut down nearby streets and forced people indoors. The cause of the fire was under investigation. Source: http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/04/18/northwest-miami-dade-business-goes-up-in-flames/
- 48. *April 18*, *Boston Herald* (Massachusetts) **Jakes probe Allston laundromat fire.** Investigators tried to determine what sparked a two-alarm blaze that destroyed an laundromat in the Allston neighborhood of Boston April 18, causing \$350,000 in damage. No one was injured. Firefighters rushed to the laundromat, one of several small stores in a one-story brick building. They contained the blaze to the laundromat, but the other stores sustained damage. The cause and origin of the fire was still under investigation.

Source:

http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20220418jakes_probe_allston_laund_romat_fire/

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *April 19, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Wildfires around the region are generally under control.** Fire crews who came to Virginia from across the country were released April 18 to return home after a week of fighting regional wildfires, the Roanoke Times reported April 19. A steady rain that swept through the area helped top off days of firefighting, aggravated at times by strong winds and dry weather. A U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said all fires burning in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests were in "hold status" as firefighters worked to strengthen containment lines around them. Crews from 29 states were released to return home at the end of the day April 18. Crews from local districts will continue to fight what is left of the flames. The spokeswoman said the fire coverage area totaled 39,538 acres. Eighty percent of the fires were contained as of April 19.

Source: http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/307666

50. April 17, Lawrenceville Patch – (New Jersey) Fire danger remains 'extreme' in Central Jersey. Due to the increased risk of wildfires, a Fire Weather Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning for Mercer County, Middlesex County, and the rest of New Jersey by the National Weather Service, the Lawrenceville Patch reported April 17. They stated, "A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are expected due to the combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity values and dry fine fuels." Due to the ongoing lack of rain and other factors, the New Jersey Forest Fire Service has classified the current fire danger for the central part of the state as "Extreme" and has imposed Stage 3 restrictions for campfires. Under the fire danger rating system used by the state, the "Extreme" level is the most serious. Source: http://lawrenceville.patch.com/articles/fire-danger-remains-extreme-in-central-jersey

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Dams Sector

- 51. April 19, Sai Gon Giai Phong (International) Dam leak in Quang Nam Province worries authorities. A delegation of provincial officials went to Bac Tra My District in the central province of Quang Nam, Vietnam April 18 to inspect and meet with the plant investor of the Song Tranh 2 Hydropower Plant dam. They expressed concern over the high volume of water, 75 liters per second, leaking from the dam. The head of the plant's management board was unable to explain when the leak would be controlled. The chairman of the provincial People's Committee said that if the investor and relevant sides fail to repair the leaks before the onset of the storm season this year, the province will propose to the government to halt water flow into the plant dam, keeping in mind residents' lives and properties.
 - Source: http://www.saigon-gpdaily.com.vn/National/2012/4/100810/
- 52. *April 18, Associated Press* (Iowa; Missouri) **Corps awards \$2M contract for levee repair.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$2 million contract for levee repair work along the Missouri River in southwest Iowa and northwest Missouri, the Associated Press reported April 18. The project includes placing large boulders, known as rip rap, on the river side of new setback levees built near Hamburg, Iowa, and Watson, Missouri, following the 2011 summer's historic flooding. The contract also includes installing a filter fabric to help reduce the potential of erosion. The work should be done by the end of July.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.bnd.com/2012/04/18/2146168/corps-awards-2m-contract-for-levee.html}$

53. April 17, KGET 17 Bakersfield – (California) Emergency officials address Isabella Dam repairs. Kern County emergency officials said April 17, plans to modernize the Lake Isabella Dam will take a considerable amount of time, pinning a completion date in 2017. The stability of the dam has been questioned by experts since 2006. The engineers in charge of the project hosted public forums the week of April 16 to allow residents to ask questions and voice concerns about the impact of possible renovations. Based on their findings and the input of the public, they planned to prepare a rough

environmental study. The dam is vulnerable to earthquakes, leaks, and overflowing if there was a sudden rush of water into the sources that feed the dam. While unlikely, consequences could include the inundation of the areas immediately surrounding Lake Isabella as well as most of Bakersfield west of Highway 99 and some areas east of the highway. In fact, downtown Bakersfield could be hit by as much as 20-30 feet of water, according to maps provided by the county. Additionally, farmland and crops in the region could be destroyed by the excess saturation.

Source: http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Emergency-officials-address-Isabella-Dam-repairs/_ogTpnWJwkag81dsHW8siQ.cspx

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